

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
MEETING MINUTES OF
February 26, 2007

PRESENT: Berger, Bunker, Longley-Cook, Cooney, Fort, Hakanson, Chair Lord-Hausman, and Kirola

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Vice-Chair Moore

GUESTS: Tom Heinz (Eastbay Innovations), Cathy Nielson (SSHRB), Robbie Kritz

MINUTES: The minutes of January 29, 2007 were approved as submitted.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **City Needs Assessment:**

Social Services Human Relations Board member Ms. Cathy Nielsen distributed copies and provided a brief overview of the City's 2005-2006 Needs Assessment. The Needs Assessment evaluated the social service and human relations needs and resources of Alamedans. The study was comprised of two parts; a survey of Alameda households and a series of focus groups. Of the 531 residents who completed the survey slightly more than 28% said they or someone in their family has a disability. In response to a question by Commissioner Ed Cooney, Ms. Nielson informed the Commission that the SSHRB would be increasing their outreach methods (i.e. Alameda Collaborative). Commissioner Toby Berger inquired about the results of prior assessments to which Ms. Nielson replied that the Alameda Food Bank and Alameda Collaborative are two examples of what was achieved from the prior assessment.

2. **East Bay Innovations:**

Mr. Tom Heinz, Executive Director, East Bay Innovations (EBI), informed the Commission EBI is a private non-profit organization which offers a variety of services to help persons with disabilities live and work independently. The services provided are: 1) supported living services, 2) independent living services and 3) supported employment. For additional information East Bay Innovations can be reached at (510) 618-1580 or www.eastbayInnovations.com

OLD BUSINESS:

3) **Commissioner Duties:** (Chair Lord-Hausman)

The discussion about the Commissioner's roles in taking responsibility to inform the Commission of other City Boards and Committees agendas as they relate to ADA was tabled.

4) **PAPCO:**

Chair Audrey Lord-Hausman informed the Commission that the City is still seeking a volunteer to serve on the PAPCO Commission. To qualify, volunteers must be eligible for paratransit.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: none

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Commissioner Charles Bunker informed the Commission that he needs a ride to the meetings.
2. Chair Audrey Lord-Hausman stated that the City Clerk thus far has not received any applications for candidacy to fill the two vacant seats on the Commission.
3. Chair Audrey Lord-Hausman informed the Commission that the City Council approved the solicitation of bids for Audible Traffic Signal at Various Locations and asked that an item be placed on the March Commission agenda for information purposes.
4. Commissioner Adrienne Longley-Cook informed the Commission that this year's Crab Cove summer concerts would be held on June 8th, July 13th and August 10th.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, March 26th, 2007 in Room 360, City Hall.

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Ed Sommerauer
Associate Civil Engineer

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